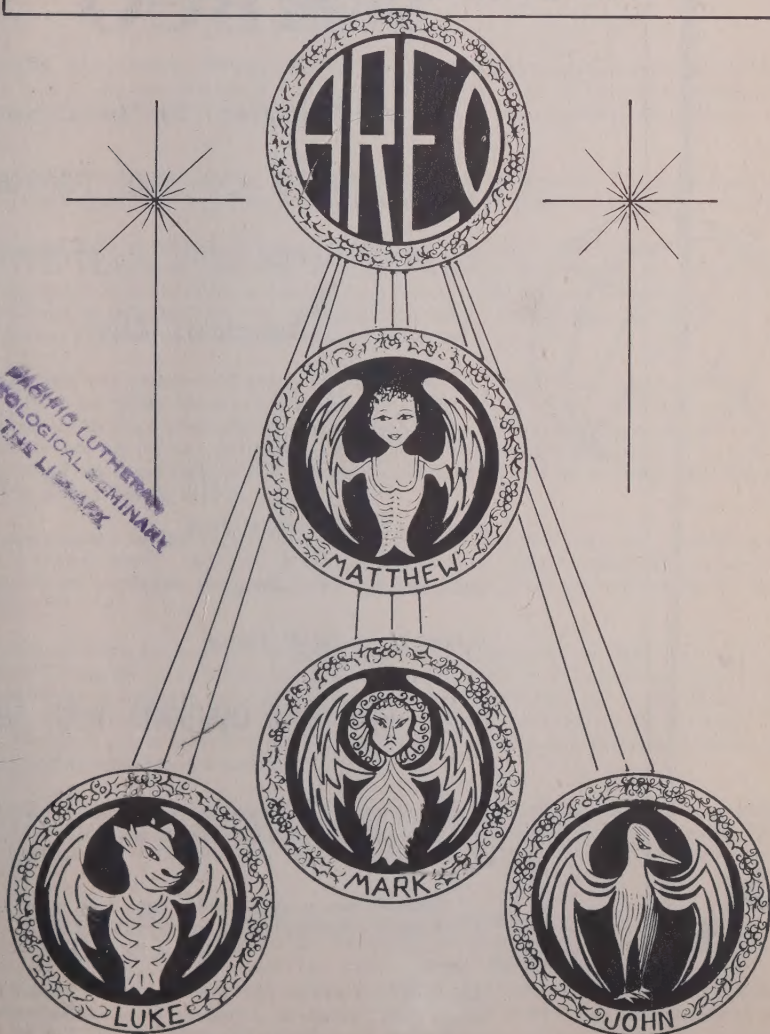


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# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

## FOREIGN

**SERBIAN PATRIARCH INSTALLED.** Bishop German Djoric of Zica was installed September 13th, last, as the new Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The elaborate ceremonies were held in the Cathedral of St. Michael in Belgrade. His enthronement took place the following day.

He succeeds Patriarch Vikentije, who died July 6th. Prior to his election, Bishop German was general secretary of the Church's Holy Synod. He is the 54th Patriarch of the Serbian Church.

The new supreme head of Yugoslavia's largest religious body, with some 9,000,000 members, was elected from among three candidates by an electoral board of 55, including bishops, clergy members of monasteries and theological schools, lay officials of the Church, and leaders of the Students' Association. His two rivals were Bishop Hrizostom of Pozarevac, who received 17 votes, and Bishop Visarion of Vrsac, for whom no one voted.

Bishop German, who received 37 votes, is considered 'moderate' in his general attitude, and is expected to follow the steps of his predecessor, with whom he had worked closely. During his tenure as secretary of the Holy Synod, a period of seven years, he had handled much of the duties of the late Patriarch, including a good-will tour of Orthodox Churches of the United States, England, France and Italy in 1951. He also paid official visits, on behalf of the Church, to Czechoslovakia in 1955 and to Russia in 1958.

Following his installation, Patriarch German received from Bishop Hrizostom the symbols of his office: a crown, sceptre and icon. In a brief address, the defeated candidate stressed the responsibility of the new Patriarch in view of the serious problems confronting the Orthodox Church.

Immediately following the installation, the crowds that thronged the Cathedral and Square gave a stormy round of applause and shouted 'Long live the new Patriarch'. As the faithful left the Cathedral, they filed past the new Patriarch to kiss his hand and receive his blessing. The Government then held a gala reception, following a formal luncheon, to which dignitaries of both the Church and government were in attendance.

Bishop German was born in 1898 in a village in central Serbia and became an orphan while a child. The son of an Orthodox priest, he was educated at the Orthodox Theological Seminary in Belgrade, after studying law in Paris. He was ordained priest in 1927 and consecrated bishop in 1951.

One of the Serbian bishops, Vailije Kostic of Banjaluka (Bosnia), had been placed under house arrest, prior to the election of the Patriarch, for alleged anti-State activities. At the time, he had been conferring with two other bishops. Following protests by other members of the Orthodox hierarchy, who said they would refuse to elect a new Patriarch if Bishop Vailije was not released, the prelate was brought to Belgrade and allowed to take part in the election. Following the election, he was again placed in arrest, under Article 209 of the Yugoslav Penal Code, which provides for a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.



ment for persons convicted of assisting any foreign country or organization engaged in tile activities against the Yugoslav government. It is not known the exact charges, of w he is accused. - ED.

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**SEMI-INDEPENDENT MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ESTABLISHED.** A government-backed semi-independent Macedonian Orthodox Church, linked with the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate in Belgrade, was established by priests and laymen at a meeting in Ohrid, Macedonia.

Some 200 delegates adopted a resolution declaring that the Macedonian Church would remain in canonical unity with the Serbian Church and would recognize the authority of the Belgrade Patriarch.

Delegates also restored the ancient archbishopric of Ohrid, which dates from the 10th Century. Originally established by the Greek Ecumenical Patriarchate, the archbishopric came under the jurisdiction of the Serbian Church about the 12th Century. To fill the See, the delegates elected Serbian Orthodox Bishop Dositej Stojkovic, 52, as Metropolitan.

The Belgrade Patriarchate was understood to not be opposed to the new Metropolitan, but to present the manner of election; inasmuch as tradition is against laymen participating in such elections. Whether the Patriarchate will officially endorse the election is a mute question. This Macedonian question has long been a thorn in the side of the Patriarchate and is one of the problems referred to by the new Patriarch German, at his installation.

The formation of the Macedonian Church was regarded as a compromise to avert a threatened schism between the Macedonian priests and the Serbian Orthodox hierarchy. Members of the hierarchy have long refused to appoint native Macedonians to the three vacant Macedonian bishoprics, which have been vacant ever since World War II. As a result, tension has developed over the years to the place where the Orthodox priests of Macedonia have been on the constant verge of forming a completely separate Church, with native, married bishops.

Recently, Dobrivoje Radosavljevic, who is chairman of the State Commission for Religious Affairs, addressed a two-day Congress of the Orthodox Priests' Association. In his message he stressed that the Association was 'an important factor in normalization of relations' between the Church and State. He also brought out the point that 'certain bishops still believe they can turn back the clock of history' and that they were 'guilty of the failure to settle the Macedonian Church problem because of their lack of understanding'.

- To understand some of the hidden reasons behind this latest move within the Church, one has to examine the political picture, as it exists today.
- By looking at the attached map, one can see that 'Macedonia' overlaps into three different Balkan countries. The people within the area of Macedonia, have their own language, literature and classical traditions. After World War II, Tito recognized this and set up the Republic of Macedonia as one of the constituent Republics of the Yugoslav Federation. Bulgaria, for some 75 years, however, has always claimed Macedonia as being Bulgarian, and that no such thing as 'Macedonians' exist.
- As Tito is friendly with the U.S.A., the Soviet-bloc is now endeavoring to foment strife and trouble within Yugoslavia. To do this, the Bulgarian Press and Radio has been hammering at the Republic of Macedonia, stressing that they are being victimized and exploited by Tito. The Tito Government, therefore, is supporting the new semi-independent Church of Macedonia, to counteract this propaganda; at the same time, the government is endeavoring to avoid an open clash with the Serbian Patriarchate.



the issue. To aid in placating the Patriarchate, the government has been extending itself in tendering the Church financial, social-welfare and other aids and assistances. For example: - since the War, 17 new Orthodox Churches have been built; 350 restored or repaired; and many cultural items and monuments preserved. Among the most recent, being an exhibition, the largest ever held, of copies of renowned Medieval frescoes from Serbian Orthodox monasteries. The opening, held at the national museum in Belgrade, was attended by both Church and Government officials. Vice-president Colakovic stated, at the opening, that the government 'is making great efforts and granting considerable assistance to help prevent the monasteries and ancient churches as well, which contain Yugoslavia's most precious historical and artistic relics, from getting into a state of decay'.

From this example, one may see and understand that much of the change in religion, in Church officialdom, and in related ecclesiastical happenings, actual stem from one political, or national, motive or another. This is, of course, true in all nations of the world. - ED.

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**HOLIC VILLAGERS THREATEN TO 'BECOME PROTESTANTS'.** Seven hundred gers in southern Italy, irked by the transfer of their pastor to another parish, have atened to 'become Protestants' if he is not sent back to them.

incident occurred at Bosco, a mountain village, where the priest, Father Francesco rio Losardo, had long endeared himself to them.

the departure of the priest, the villagers have been boycotting church services of ew priest; they have locked him out of the church on occasion and hung red flags in windows. Now they have contacted a Protestant community in the area and have set dline of two weeks for the return of Father Losardo, else they become Protestants.

'I've found that jumping about doesn't always help'

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**EK ORTHODOX CHURCH GRADUATES FIRST DEACONESSSES.** The first Greek onesses were just graduated from the School of Deaconesses in Athens. The School established last year by the Apostoliki Diakonia (Home Mission) of the Greek Ortho- Church.

of the 10 Deaconesses was assigned to a different parish in Athens to assist the ch in areas of health and welfare work, as well as in the missionary and spiritual

Deaconesses are all graduates of the Theology School of the University of Athens. must take a vow of celibacy; be under 30 years of age; and wear a habit of blue and , with headkerchief and thick leather belt.

School of Deaconesses was built with funds donated by the World Council of Churches; t represents the culmination of eight years of planning by the Home Mission.

There is evidence that Deaconesses were of apostolical appointment(e.g.-St. Paul mentions Phoebe as a Servant (Diakonos), in Rom.xvi:1. Tertullian called them Viduae(Widows) and their office Viduatus(Widowhood), because they were usually appointed from among the Widows of the Church) According to certain regulations they were required: i.to be Widows ii.To have had but one husband iii.To have borne children iv.To be of considerable age. These regulations, however, were not inflexible, since Virgins, as well as Widows, were appointed to the Office. After he Council of Chalcedon, even Widows were sometimes found to have been ordained



while under 40 years of age; nor is it absolutely certain that a Widow, who had lawfully married a second time after being separated by death(not by divorce) was always excluded. Their powers of function, however, were restricted, though diverse. - ED.

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**500,000 ABORTIONS PERFORMED ANNUALLY IN POLAND.** The Vatican Radio states that a 'great number' of women tourists now travel to Poland solely for the purpose of an abortion, because it may be legally obtained there.

In a broadcast, lashing out against the Polish government, the radio said that according to official Communist statistics 'at least 500,000 abortions are performed annually in Poland

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**ILLUSTRATED BIBLE PUBLISHED IN JERUSALEM.** A 2,000 page illustrated Bible with an English translation has been published by the Lifshitz Press - Jerusalem Bible Publishing Co., Jerusalem.

The illustrations, mostly drawn and engraved by famous artists, were collected, under the supervision of the publishers, from various Bibles and encyclopaedias dating back to the 16th Century. Each page has its illustration, with the relevant passage from the Bible quoted beneath it.

This is the first time that an illustrated Bible has been published in Israel. The Jerusalem Bible Publishing Co. was the first Jewish publishing house in the country to publish a Bible with an English translation - in 1954.

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**RUSSIAN CHURCH SEMINARY HONORS SYRIAN PRELATE.** The Theological Academy in Moscow of the Russian Orthodox Church announced it had conferred an honorary doctorate of theology on Metropolitan Alexander of Homs, Syria.

The citation said the Syrian prelate, who is under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Antioch, was honored 'because of the importance of his theological works and his efforts in the education of the faithful'.

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**ORTHODOX LITURGY CELEBRATED IN PROTESTANT PAVILION AT BRUSSELS.** The Greek Orthodox Church participated in the World's Fair, last month, for the first time, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the chapel of the Protestant Pavilion.

Presiding at the service was Greek Orthodox Bishop Meletios of Paris. He was assisted by six priests of the Belgian Orthodox Church.

The liturgy was attended by members of the Greek diplomatic corps in Belgium, including the Greek Ambassador, as well as clergy representatives of the Greek Church and the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul.

● The Greek Orthodox Church has been recently showing a greater inclination towards the Ecumenical Movement; in cooperating with other church bodies; in working with the World Council of Churches; and in many other ways not generally evidenced to the public at large. - ED.

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**ANCIENT CITY OF SARDIS LOCATED BY ARCHAEOLOGISTS.** Discovery of the city of Sardis, once the capital of wealthy King Croesus and later a Seat of a Christian bishop of the Roman Era, climaxed two months of excavation by a team of six American archaeologists in Turkey.

expedition was sponsored by Cornell University, the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard, and American Schools of Oriental Research of Jerusalem and Baghdad, with the support of Bollingen Foundation of New York.

is, site of one of the 'seven churches which are in Asia', mentioned in the Book of Revelation, was one of the foremost cities of the ancient world. It flourished from the late Stone Age until its destruction by Tamerlane in 1402.

location of the ancient Lydian city was disclosed by several large, gaily painted jars some house walls within a few yards of the Izmir(Smyrna)-Salihli highway. Professor Mann of Harvard, field director of the expedition, said the discovery showed that the ancient city of King Croesus lies under the ruins of the Roman city and disposes of the old theory that it was located in the side valley of the river.

Earlier this year, the expedition unearthed a palatial Roman home. It contained a number of bronze objects, some of which indicated that the house had been inhabited by a Christian family in the 4th Century. The archaeologists named it the 'House of Bronze'.

Dr. Hanfmann explained that charred remains of the house proper indicated that it had burned up in flames about the time of Julian the Apostate, violent anti-Christian Emperor of the 4th Century. Whether burned by his orders, or by accident, is not known, of course.

Other structures, including a row of Byzantine shops and the great sanctuary of Artemis are now being excavated.

In another discovery, this one in the old city of Jaffa on the Palestine Coast, archaeologists have reached the level of the Exodus period of the Old Testament. This is shown by the discovery of tablets inscribed with the name of Rameses II. This great Pharaoh of the 19th dynasty was responsible for the oppression of the Israelites in Egypt, which resulted in their migration out of captivity. The tablets were on the foundation stones at the base of a gate in a six-foot thick brick wall. - ED.

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WORLD COUNCIL DELEGATION TO VISIT CYPRUS. A fraternal delegation of World Council of Churches will visit Cyprus 'at the first appropriate moment' to hold conversations with leaders of the Greek Orthodox community there and report back to the Council. The delegation was authorized by the Council's Central Committee, of which Metropolitan James of Cyprus (Greek Orthodox) is a member.

Regarding the difficulties being experienced by the island's Orthodox Church since the exile of Archbishop Makarios, the Committee said it 'earnestly desires that negotiations for his return may be successful'. (Archbishop Makarios is now in Athens, in exile)

Archbishop Makarios stated recently he plans to attend the debate in the United Nations this Fall. He said he is hopeful that the U.N. will uphold the plea for self-determination of Cypriots; he criticized tactics of British forces in attempting to control Cyprus. He also had a visit from Cardinal Spellman (Roman Catholic) of New York, who came to pay his respects, while on a pilgrimage aboard the Greek cruise ship 'Olympia', at the head of 600 pilgrims visiting historic sites. - ED.

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#### ALCOHOLIC ARITHMETIC =

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Conference in Blacktown, New South Wales, displayed a 'math table for drinkers'. It read as follows:

2 pints = 1 quart; 1 quart = 1 argument; 1 argument = 1 fight;  
1 fight = 1 cop; 1 cop = 1 arrest; 1 arrest = 1 judge; 1 judge = 30 days.



**GREEK THEOLOGIAN DIES.** Archimandrite Basil Stephanidis, professor of church history at the University of Athens, died in Athens at the age of 80. He was noted as an author for his great number of articles in religious periodicals and his numerous works on church history.

Born on the island of Mytilene in 1878, he was graduated from the Greek Orthodox Theological School of Halki and the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where he received his Ph.D. degree. He was appointed to his post in Athens after service as professor of theology at Halki.

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**GREEK CHURCH FILLS VACANT SEES.** Four new metropolitans and an assistant bishop have just been appointed by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Greece.

Bishop Ambrosius, formerly assistant Bishop of Stavroupolis, was named Metropolitan of Eleftherousolis; Bishop Polycarpus Liossis, former assistant to Archbishop Theoklitos of Athens, was created Metropolitan of Sissanion and Siatista.

Archimandrite Ignatius Tsigris, chief vicar of the Diocese of Attica, was made Metropolitan of Arta, and Archimandrite Dorotheos Yanaropoulos, principal of the Corinth Seminary, was named Metropolitan of Castoria.

Archimandrite Pandeilemon Karanicolas, head of the preaching department of the Home Mission, was appointed Auxiliary of the Athens See under the title of Bishop of Achaia.

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**GREEK EVANGELICALS BATTLE POLICE OVER PARK.** Police battled with some 500 women in the Macedonian town of Katerini, in an unsuccessful attempt to seize a park claimed by the Evangelical community.

According to reports, the park in question has been mutually used by townspeople in general for years. About three years ago, the government decided to convert it into a playground for the public school, nearby. The Evangelicals, hearing of the plan, hurriedly fenced in the area and put locks on the gates.

To break the impasse, the government sent the police, at night, to break down the fence. The women of the Evangelical Community, hearing the noise, turned out en masse and in a fierce battle routed the police. Telegrams were then sent to the Greek Premier asking him to intervene and stop the 'violation' of the religious freedom of the Evangelicals, who were being interfered with.

The strife has widened the breach in feeling between the Evangelicals and other townsfolk, who feel the land belongs to the city.

- Reports show that neither the Evangelicals, nor the city, have any record of Title to the property in question. The government contends that, since no documents of Title can be produced by private parties, the land lawfully belongs to the State. - ED.

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**235 ORTHODOX PRIESTS ARRESTED IN ROMANIA.** The arrests of the priests followed a wave of terror throughout Romania, launched by the Communist regime in fear of an anti-Communist revolt such as took place in Hungary in 1956. The terror was directed primarily against clergy and the intelligentsia.

To what extent the government drive will continue is, of course, not known. It is known that a parallel drive against Jewish state officials accompanied the drive against the clergy; the Jews have been both arrested, as well as being dismissed from their posts.

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**DAN EJECTS ARMENIAN PATRIARCH.** Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, Patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Jordan was expelled from the country and sent to Beirut, Lebanon. No reason was given for his expulsion, but it was said he had 'leftist' leanings. The expulsions resulted from a factional dispute within the Armenian community in Jordan, which numbers about 5,000.

Archbishop, born in Turkey in 1904, is a naturalized American citizen and headed the Armenian Church in the U.S. for some ten years until his resignation in 1954 due to illness.

He was seized in Old Jerusalem while walking in a procession toward St. Mary's Church and taken aboard a plane bound for Beirut.

Before, in 1956, he had also been expelled from the Old City by the Interior Ministry in Jordan. At that time he had been forced to live in Beirut for two months until he was given permission to return.

Mixed charges detailed against the archbishop included those of: engaging in politics and 'maintaining relations' with Soviet Armenia and the Ecumenical Greek Patriarchate. The Supreme Head of the Armenian Church is located at Etchmiadzin, Soviet Armenia. ED.

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**EK PRELATE CONDEMNS SPIRITUALISM.** Metropolitan Iakovos of Mytilene criticizes spiritualism as 'related to fortune-telling, magic and especially the necromancy of the ancient pagan years'.

In an encyclical addressed to faithful, the prelate said that communication with spirits was possible, "but these spirits....are simply unclean".

He opposed formation of a spiritualist society on the island of Mytilene and added: 'We urge people to abandon Satan's table and come to the Table of God's mysteries'.

Members of the society stated that they felt they were already 'walking in God's way'.

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**EK ORTHODOX JOINS WORLD COUNCIL STAFF.** Dr. N.A. Nissiotis of Athens, Greece, has just joined the staff of the World Council of Churches as assistant director of its Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva, Switzerland.

The 33 year-old Greek Orthodox, a former tutor at the Graduate School at Bossey, succeeds Charles S. West, a Presbyterian. Dr. Nissiotis holds the bachelor of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from the University of Athens. In addition, he has a bachelor of divinity degree in scholastic philosophy. He has studied under the noted Swiss theologians Dr. Karl Barth and Emil Brunner, as well as at the St. Thomas Aquinas Philosophical Institute in Belgium.

Former vice-chairman of the World Christian Youth Commission, Dr. Nissiotis was a member of the youth delegation to the first assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948. He also was a member of the first Youth Department committee of the World Council and one of the founders and vice-chairman of the inter-Orthodox youth movement, = 'Syndesmos'.

Dr. Fry, chairman of the central and executive committees of the WCC, just stated that a bishop or a professor of theology of the Russian Church would be invited to lecture at the Council's Ecumenical Institute at Bossey. The Russian Church is expected to join the WCC by the time the 3rd General Assembly is held in Ceylon in 1961. - ED.

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**1,500,000 CHRISTIANS IN SOUTH KOREA.** Christians in South Korea now total more than 6% of the population, according to latest figures released by the National Council of Church of Christ in Korea.

Protestants number 1,323,091; Roman Catholics 242,034; Eastern Orthodox 200. The NCC statistics were based on reports made by the respective religious bodies. Most numerous among the Protestants are the Presbyterians with 864,262, followed by Methodists with over 345,000.

Total congregations among Protestants are 5,281; Catholic with 1,139; Jehovah Witness with 20; and Eastern Orthodox with 1.

● The Eastern Orthodox mission in Korea dates back to its inception in Czarist times.-1

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH HONORS CATHOLICOS ON ANNIVERSARY.** More than 170 leading clergymen of the ARMENIAN Apostolic Church from 20 countries gathered to honor Catholicos Vazken I at a reception in Erevan, Armenia, marking the 3rd anniversary of his enthronement and his 50th birthday.

Catholicos Vazken was consecrated supreme head of the Armenian Church in 1955, in the Miadzin Cathedral, Soviet Armenia. He succeeded the late Catholicos Georg VI, who died May, 1954.

Included among the guests were leading Armenian churchmen from the United States, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, India and other areas in Europe and the Far East.

**DOMESTIC**



**CHURCH BAN CAUSES THEATRE TO SHUT DOORS.** The only film theatre in Lake Placid, N.Y., was forced to close its doors this month because of a ban of some two months duration. The ban was enacted by Father James T. Lyng, pastor of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, as a result of the theatre's refusal to cancel showings of Brigitte Bardot's film, entitled 'And God Created Woman'. The ban, placed in early August, was to run for six months.

In banning the 'Adirondack Palace Theatre' to his parishioners, Father Lyng ordered his flock to stay away from the theatre 'regardless of the merits of any motion picture which may be presented'. He also directed all Catholic businessmen to refuse any advertising, posters or otherwise, from the theatre during the same period.

Two Protestant clergymen of the area, the Reverends Carpenter and Arthur-Davies, declared in a joint statement that the priest's action was an 'attempt at censorship' and that 'we cannot approve the use of threats and reprisals as a moral lash'.

● 'And God Created Woman' was given a 'C' rating by the Catholic Legion of Decency. A 'C' rating means the film is condemned and forbidden. - ED.



**NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE GIVES CORNERSTONE FOR NEW INTERCHURCH CENTER.** Through the good offices of the late Archbishop Michael, a treasured stone from Corinth's Agora was made a permanent part of the cornerstone of the new Interchurch Center in New York City.

Representatives of some 37 different Orthodox and Protestant bodies in attendance, including the New York Archdiocese - Armenian Church - Assyrian Church - Romanian Church - Russian Church - Serbian Church - Syrian Church - Ukrainian Church, the stone was officially sealed in the presence of the President of the United States on Sunday afternoon, October 12th at 120th St. and Riverside Drive, N.Y.C.

The stone, which may have felt the tread of the Apostle Paul, became a part of this cornerstone, and the President mortared it into a massive block of Alabama stone, which was, in turn, then raised to sidewalk level at the northwest corner of the new structure. This stone from the ancient city of Corinth, actually came from the Agora (public square) and special permission of the Greek government was given to allow its removal. History shows that the stone was there when Gallio, proconsul, heard the charge against Paul that he was 'persuading men to worship contrary to law'. Gallio, of course, wisely ruled that Roman law was not violated because the charge concerned 'a matter of questions about words and names'.

On the Agora cornerstone are inscribed these words:

"This stone is from the Agora in Corinth  
where 'many hearing Paul believed.'"

The new Interchurch Center, a 19 story structure, will house the offices of many of the larger Protestant bodies, who are members of the National Council of Churches. The erection of this building represents a long-time dream in Church circles to see a visible manifestation of voluntary cooperation among headquarters offices of various religious denominations, whilst still retaining their inherent freedom. To this end, the Rockefellers gave the land and some two and one half millions of dollars. The building, costing a total of over nineteen millions, will be paid for from rentals and gifts. - ED.

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**CATHOLICS URGED TO ABANDON PREJUDICE AND INTOLERANCE.** Dr. John F. Fitzgibbon, professor of philosophy at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., urged all Roman Catholics to acquire a better understanding of Protestants and Protestantism and abandon the prejudice, which is the root of all prejudice and intolerance.

In an address before the Te Deum International, he said Catholics should actually visit and see concrete forms of worship used by Protestants; study their catechisms and hymns; and also understand their theology. He stressed that most Protestant faiths have central teachings or practices which are common to the Roman Catholic faith.

Christian unity is based on developing an understanding of others, and understanding is essential to the growth of brotherhood. No one can quarrel with the professor's view. - ED.

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**DR. MALIK SAYS "MAN'S TROUBLE IS REBELLION AGAINST GOD".** Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, president of the United Nations General Assembly, declared in a recent address at Princeton College's Fifth Annual Christian Arts Festival (Indianola, Iowa), that the 'root of man's trouble is rebellion against God.'

Dr. Malik, a prominent Greek Orthodox layman active in the World Council of Churches, issued a call for man to turn to 'humble living'; and that man's troubles do not stem mainly from the commonly understood economic conditions and social problems, but from man's refusal to turn towards God.

Dr. Malik was also present at the dedication of the cornerstone of the new Interchurch Center, and spoke briefly prior to the address of President Eisenhower. - ED.

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**UKRAINIAN ARCHBISHOP RETURNS FROM VISIT ABROAD.** Archbishop Hryhorij, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Western World, returned to Chicago, Ill. after a week visit to England, France and Germany, during which he ordained six priests.

His first trip to Europe in 12 years reversed the usual pattern of Ukrainian Orthodox prelates. Customarily they come from Europe to the U.S. to oversee the work of the Church in this country.

The archbishop left the Ukraine in 1944 and came to the U.S. from Germany in 1950.

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**ORTHODOX CHURCH HONORS EPISCOPALIAN.** The Rev. George H. MacMurray, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., received the Jubilee Medal of the Syrian Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch for his efforts in promoting a better understanding between the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The award was presented at a ceremony in Brooklyn, at which the archbishop of the Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America presided. This Church body is under the jurisdiction of the Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch.

Mr. MacMurray is chairman of the economic justice commission of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of the City of N.Y. He also is a member of the executive committee of the National Orthodox-Anglican Fellowship.

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**CHARGES OF RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION FORCES RECOGNITION OF ORTHODOX.** St. Eleftherios Greek Orthodox Church, 359 W. 24th St. N.Y., N.Y. was given official sanction by the Slum Clearance Committee of N.Y. to remain in its present location. Previously, the church, along with a companion Protestant body was being forced out of existence by discriminatory methods of the city officials. Only expeditious and persistent action brought about the city's 'change of heart'.

Similar actions by the city, in other areas of Greater N.Y. had brought about the destruction of Protestant, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox Churches, with consistent favorable treatment being tendered to Roman Catholic institutions and churches.

In this particular instance, a spokesman for the city said: this revision of plans now 'removes the likelihood of any possible criticism that we were discriminating against any church'.

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**SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL CONSECRATED IN MILWAUKEE.** St. Sava Serbian Orthodox midwest cathedral was consecrated by Bishop Dionisije of Libertyville, Ill. He is the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church of the U.S. and Canada.

Bishop Dionisije preached the sermon and presented a cross of honor to Father Milan Brkovic, pastor of the St. Sava Community, Milwaukee, Wis. The award was made on behalf of the Serbian Patriarchate of Belgrade.

The new cathedral is a large stone structure of classical Byzantine architecture, with a central dome surrounded by four smaller corner domes. The center dome soars 75 feet upwards, supported by marble pillars.

Cost of the building was estimated at about \$1,000,000. It is one of three Serbian Cathedrals in the U.S. The others are in New York and Alhambra, Calif.

About 50 priests of various Eastern Orthodox Churches participated in the ceremony, which was attended by upwards of 10,000 persons, many of whom came in buses from N.Y., Pennsylvania.



inois and other States where Serbian Orthodox Communities are located.

The first Serbs came to the U.S. about 1890. Their first church was established at Jackson Calif., in 1894. They now have churches in 17 states, Alaska and Canada with around 150,000 membership. - ED.

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET CEREMONY OCCURS IN ILLINOIS. The Waukegan, Illinois waterfront was the scene of a colorful ceremony this month. About 20 Greek Orthodox priests headed by Bishop Ezekiel, Greek Orthodox Bishop of Chicago, Ill., participated in the ancient service of 'The Blessing of the Fleet', which is held in fishing ports thruout the world.

Fishermen of other faiths were invited to take part in the Service. It is the first time that a service of this type was ever held for the fishing fleets that sail the waters of the Great Lakes. Athan Kyritsis, president of the Illinois Commercial Fishermans' Association, explained that it has been the custom for fishing fleets to be blessed when the season begins to reach its peak, 'somehow it has never been done here before.' He amplified that the fleet is not blessed to insure good fishing, but 'for the safekeeping of the men and boats'.

The origin of the ceremony dates from ancient pagan eras, when offerings were made to Neptune (Poseidon). - ED.

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING OF ROMAN MASS INTRODUCED IN WASHINGTON. With the entire congregation participating in the singing of the Mass at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Washington D.C., an ancient custom was revived for the first time in that Archdiocese.

Fr. E. Carly Lyon explained to parishioners that they had just broken 'a silence barrier' which has stood for 14 centuries. In early days, he said, the congregation always participated in singing the Mass.

The Undivided Apostolic Catholic Church had many traditions, of which a number have been reintroduced into the Roman Catholic Church in recent years. The gradual return of Rome to Orthodox practices will hasten the day when the Mother Church will once again be reestablished in Her various parts - the True Ecumenical Church. - ED.

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UNION TRIES 'BOYCOTT' TACTICS AGAINST CHURCHES TO FORCE THEIR WILL. National Labor Relations Board examiner, C.W. Whittemore, found that the Carpenter's Union had illegally persuaded its workmen to go on strike to stop non-union manufactured pews from being installed in an East Williston, N.Y. church.

Fr. Albert R. Siebert, pastor of the Nassau Baptist Church in East Williston, was forced to let his parishioners to finish installing the pews, when the carpenters walked out illegally.

Endicott Furniture Co. of Warsaw, Indiana, maker of church pews, said similar boycotts have been done in churches in Chicago, Minneapolis and Detroit areas. They employ non-union labor in their factory and recently won a NLRB decision on bargaining rights election among 60 employees of their firm. The union has endeavored, on a national basis, to illegally force the Company 'into line', by causing installation problems in churches.

Apparently the union feels such action is both 'American' as well as 'Christian'. - ED.

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WASHINGTON D.C. PROHIBITS 'DASH BOARD' SAINTS IN AUTOMOBILES. Display of religious medals, magnetized statues of saints, and/or other objects which may hang, stick or protrude from the dash board, rear view mirror, side brackets, windshield or other window have now been prohibited in the District of Columbia by the Board of District Commissioners.

In a traffic regulation, a fine, not to exceed \$100, has been provided for against operators of vehicles who disobey.

The commissioners took the action after being advised by the safety director that there has been a growing trend to display such objects in a fashion that tends to contribute to hazardous driving.

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ALCOHOLICS NOW NUMBER 1 OUT OF EVERY 21 AMERICAN ADULTS. The Yale Center of Alcohol Studies has released statistics on the total number of alcoholics in the U.S.A. The total is 5,015,000. This is a rate of 4,760 per 100,000 adult population.

In 1950, the number of alcoholics was estimated to be 3,876,000; a ratio of 3,890 per 100,000. In 1940 it was 2,632,000; a ratio of 3,050 per 100,000.

Alcoholics Anonymous has a world membership of only 200,000. This is less than 4% of the U.S. total. Only 34 States have officially recognized alcoholism as a major health problem and only 20 are spending money for alcoholic rehabilitation. The rate of increase in addiction goes on annually at about 3%. Suggestions, in legislative committee, have been made to enact rigid laws governing liquor advertising - action has been, thus far, thwarted by the efforts of liquor and other associated lobby groups. In the meantime, lives are literally being washed down the drain. - ED.

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SENATOR WARNS ALASKA AGAINST UTILIZING LEGALIZED GAMBLING. Senator William R. (R.-Wis.) issued a strong warning to the new State of Alaska against enacting legalized gambling. He said that 'the history of legalized gambling in this country constitutes a complete indictment of the whole approach'. He spoke from his experience of having served on the Subcommittee on Interstate Crime Committee headed by Senator Kefauver (D. - Tenn.).

For every dollar that a city or state takes in from gambling taxes, the senator said, 'it loses \$5 in higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs; and higher relief costs. There is no way', he added, 'to reckon the cost of broken homes; husbands who squander the family pay check; wives who spend time at the slot machines...and children who become utterly demoralized'.

Pointing out that many 'moralists' say that everyone gambles anyway, so why not legalize the desires; or that 'legalizing sin is the way to eliminate sin' causes one to ask: 'What kind of sense of morality do proponents of these foolish notions have?', asked the Senator. 'How can we establish greater morality by condoning immorality?'

The forces of the underworld invariably move into arenas where there is legalized gambling, the Senator warned. 'We can see that in Cuba as we see it elsewhere'.

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51 VOLUME BUDDHIST WORK REPRINTED. The Tibetan Tripitaka was just reprinted this year in Japan, from the Peking edition of 1737. A total of 300 sets were produced, of which the Japanese Government purchased 100, Taiwan took 10, China took 50, and Ceylon-Burma-Siam-Thailand each took 1 set. The price per set was \$5,526.60.

The Tibetan Tripitaka consists of the Kanjur in 45 volumes and the Tanjur in 105 volumes. The Kanjur contains the teachings and sermons of Buddha, along with the codified rules of Buddhism. The Tanjur includes writings on history, language, logic, medicine, arts, crafts and also re-



rites, hymns and treatises.

The Tibetan scholar, Mr. Hashimoto, who supervised the work, said it had taken 20 years, the work of hundreds of Tibetan scholars and over \$1,000,000 to complete the task. Mr. Hashimoto brought sets to the U.S.A. for consumption here. The University of Chicago and Washington, in addition to the Tibetan colony near Farmingdale, N.J., have already purchased sets.

The American Buddhist Academy, 331 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C., held an exhibit of the work recently. - ED.

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**INTERNAL REVENUE SEIZES 19 HORSES OF AMISH.** The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has seized 19 horses belonging to members of Old Order Amish Mennonite communities in Ohio, because the owners have refused to pay Social Security self-employment taxes which went into effect for farmers in 1955.

Revenue Service said that agents working out of Canton, Ohio, also seized one automobile. The seized properties will be sold at open auction to satisfy government claims. In addition, farmers will also be charged for drayage and food for the animals during the interim.

The Amish view Social Security as insurance. Their belief holds that taking of insurance indicates a lack of faith in God, as a provider. Where destruction or calamity or tragedy visits one of their members, the whole community responds to aid the unfortunate ones. In this, they practice a communal 'insurance'. They interpret calamity as a form of God's judgement; something that must be endured and coped with by the whole community. The Social Security would be an escapism, and therefore not to be countenanced. Needless to say, the government looks on this interpretation with a jaundiced vision. - ED.

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**RUSSIAN PRIEST MARKS 30th ANNIVERSARY.** With special services being held in Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 14-65 Clintonville St., Whitestone, L.I.N.Y., the 30th anniversary of the V.Rev. Alexander Lobanoff was marked.

The priest has been pastor of this church since 1947, but is 73 years of age and had set Oct. 1 as his retirement date. To render a token of esteem for his years of faithful service, Metropolitan Leonty, primate of the Russian Orthodox Church in North and South America, officiated at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy. He was assisted by six priests.

A commemorative banquet was held in Burburans Restaurant in Flushing, L.I., N.Y. in the P.

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH HONORS EPISCOPAL BISHOP.** The Armenian Apostolic Church just bestowed one of its highest honors on Episcopal Bishop Lauriston L. Scaife of Western N.Y. The honor was presented by Archbishop Mampre Calfayan during the 12th annual assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, meeting in Buffalo, N.Y.

Along with the presentation of a 'panakio' (panagia), a jeweled medallion of the Virgin, a citation from Catholicos Vazken I, supreme head of the Armenian Church, was given. Vazken I resides in Soviet Armenia.

Bishop Scaife has been chairman since 1946 of the Episcopal Commission on Cooperation with Eastern Churches. After receiving the award, he called the Armenian Christians: 'members of our great sister Church'; he praised the 'beauty of their liturgy'.

Attending the assembly were over 1500 delegates from 34 chapters, representing 15 States and Canada. - ED.

**FORMAL EXHIBIT OF 'GREECE TODAY' ON TOUR OF U.S.A.** A pictorial exhibit of how aid from the U.S. has helped the economic recovery of Greece since the last war has been placed on exhibit in the U.S.

First shown near the Royal Palace in Athens and then at the Seth Low library of Columbia University (N.Y.), it was just unveiled in the Science Museum (Chicago, Ill.) by Greek Consul Papadopoulos, Bishop Ezekiel of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago, and Edmund Georges of the Hellenic American Steamship Line.

Sponsors of the exhibit include the Hellenic Cultural Circle, which aids Greek students to study in American colleges and universities, and the Hellenic American Steamship Line.

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**EASTERN ORTHODOX POLICEMEN FORM A SOCIETY IN N.Y.CITY.** Including members of the Greek and other Eastern Orthodox Churches, who are policemen of the New York City Police Force, the St. Paul's Eastern Orthodox Policemen's Society was recently founded.

On October 5th, the Society attended, en masse, the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity to receive Holy Communion. Following this, they marched from the Cathedral to the St. Moritz Hotel, where they held a Communion Breakfast, together with relatives and friends. Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy was the main speaker at the breakfast.

● City Magistrate S.P. Scopas is Honorary Chairman of the Society and Father G.L. Papadopoulos of St. Paul Orthodox Church in Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., is Chaplain. - ED.

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**POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH ELECTS THREE BISHOPS COADJUTOR.** At its 10th quadrennial general synod meeting, held in Chicago, Ill., the Polish National Catholic Church elected the V. Reverends Golawski of St. Mary's in Cleveland, O.; Jaworski of Good Shepherd in Chicago; and Rowinski of St. Mary's in Chicago to the office of Bishop Coadjutor.

With some 600 delegates participating, the general synod, which meets every four years, was presided over by the head of the Church, Bishop Leon Grochowski of Scranton, Penna. The purpose of the quadrennial meeting is to 'renew and revitalize the religious faith of its members, fortify its moral and spiritual assets and to determine future goals'.

The Polish Catholic Church is very active in Ecumenical Circles and is affiliated with the World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches. The Church was organized in 1904 by the late Bishop Hodiak who served as Prime Bishop until 1953, when he was succeeded by the present head. The church has a membership of nearly 300,000 in this country, Canada and Poland. Originally, they were members of the Roman Catholic Church, but variances in religious desire and practice caused schism, which led to the formation of the independent organization.

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**NEW ARMENIAN CHURCH CONSECRATED IN NEW YORK.** The new Armenian Church in Long Island, 209 Horace Harding Blvd., Bayside, Queens, N.Y. was consecrated Sept. 28th, Sunday Service, by Archbishop Mampre Calfayan. Archbishop Calfayan is Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

With the door of the church being blessed the evening before, (along with a blessing of the baptismal font, icons and holy vessels,) the church proper, and its altars, were consecrated in a service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday. Assisting the archbishop, were priests from five other Armenian Churches of the Greater New York area.

Following the Divine Liturgy, a dinner for 300 was served in the church auditorium. Richard Gregory of Manhasset was general chairman.



**PSIES OF NEW YORK AND THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.** To some, the life of the gypsy means the wandering, country life. To Father Alexander Chechila of the little Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter St. Paul they represent a certain distress.

For forty years, Father Chechila has endeavored to keep soul and body together in his struggle with the vagaries of New York City life; for in 1918 he first bought the small building at 121 East 125th Street, N.Y.C. at auction. Paying only \$1800 for it, he fixed and remodeled it and for years lavished every care and means upon it. Today, the building is old and worn. His people have dwindled in number; for he ministers to the old country Russians.

But the gypsies who dwell seasonally within Greater New York, also are in attendance at his church. Known as 'Tsigani', the gypsy is feared among old country people as dispellers of the evil eye. To the lower East Side of N.Y., where Father Chechila's Church is located, come the gypsies with their vaunted magic. Moving from tenement to tenement, they exert their powers of superstition and soothsaying over the minds of the old country peoples, extracting from them such small monies as they might have put in the offering box of some church. Such activities also afflict the work of Father Chechila, who feels their activities keenly.

He explained to one writer: 'The gypsy never changes. For countless centuries he has held tyrant men and women under his sinister influence. Now, even in the time of the atom, the tyrant holds. I am glad when autumn comes, for they will go and leave my people in peace until spring. Then they will come swarming back. I wish there was some way to hold them off.' The writer amplified: 'When they come to my church for a wedding or for one of their funerals, I must perform the services to which I am dedicated, and I do. But I pray for the season when they go south'.

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**MIRACLE AT ST. MICHAELS GREEK SHRINE IN FLORIDA.** The story of Mrs. Esther Gerolimos and her cure at the Shrine of St. Michael in Tarpon Springs, Florida in the summer of 1958 is worth the recording in these pages.

Twenty years ago, Steve Tslichis, a young lad of Tarpon Springs, suffered a brain tumor and was given 12 hours to live, by doctors at a Tampa hospital. With prayer and a desire to live, a 20 year-old icon of St. Michael was clutched by the boy; the resulting cure and restoration of health is common knowledge in Tarpon Springs. His parents, of 113 Hope Street, built the shrine, containing the icon, in their backyard. The boy, Steve, is, of course, today a grown man.

Mrs. Gerolimos had developed trouble in her legs about six years ago. She was finally forced to use a cane and crutches to move about. In April, 1958, she had surgery on her left leg and doctors told her that her nerves were affected. The story of the Shrine had been related to her, on occasion, by her friends Mr. & Mrs. Nick Markopoulos of Clearwater, Fla. It was her friends who made arrangements for her to come down from Chicago to visit the Shrine.

On her arrival, she was taken to the home of the Tslichis family, where she entered the shrine and offered prayer. A week later, on Saturday night, July 12, she said she had a restless sleep, in which a dream occurred. In the dream, she saw a vision and heard the voice of St. Michael, who said: 'you are late in fulfilling your wish'.

She could hardly wait till morning, for her faith was overflowing. When taken that Sunday morning to the Shrine, she knelt before the 'Taxnaxn' St. Michael Icon and said her prayers. When she awoke to arise, she groped for her crutches, but realized she suddenly had strength in her legs to rise without help. She then knew a miracle had happened in her life.

Such healings are found in constant manifestation in many lands, in many shrines, in many lives, in many circumstances. Wherever found and however found, they bespeak the great omnipotence and mercy of the Living God, Who deigns to hear the prayers and earnest supplication of a believer who has Faith. Loss of Faith, even as Christ said, is the chief cause of lack of healings. - ED.

1,155 CHURCHES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL. The nation's capital has 1,155 churches and synagogues in the metropolitan area, according to figures released by the Council of Churches the National Capital Area.

Of the total number, 1,014 are Protestant; 102 Roman Catholic; 7 Eastern Orthodox; 32 synagogues. Church membership is: 977,000 Protestants; 254,000 Catholics; 89,000 Jews; 631,793 unchurched or unaffiliated. No totals for Eastern Orthodox available.

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CHURCHES OPERATE A BAKERY IN ROTATION. Six churches in the Minneapolis area became operators of a bakery - for one day each - when the owner went on a week's vacation.

Frank C. Cole hit upon the plan to keep his Renville Bakery open while he was away. He contacted the six churches and broached the idea. It was accepted with enthusiasm.

Members of each church donated the ingredients and baked the goods. Each church, in turn, kept the proceeds for its day's operations.

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# IN THE COURTS



**COURT UPHOLDS ORDER RESTRAINING CHURCH MOVE.** The North Carolina Supreme Court upheld an order of a lower court restraining the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, N.C., from moving to a new site.

The Supreme Court held that since the church had no written constitution or bylaws, a majority of the members ordinarily controls the right to use and title to the church property.

Defendants in the action were the pastor, the trustees and deacons. F.A. McDaniel, Jr., who brought the action, claimed a majority of members as being opposed to the move. The case will be returned to the lower court for a final hearing on whether the order of restraint shall be permanent.

The lack of proper by-laws, approved and in writing, appear to cause much of the misunderstanding that is seen in Church-Court cases. - ED.

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**COURT RULES COUPLE MAY SUE CHURCH.** A Circuit Court ruling that charitable institutions are not immune to damage suits has cleared the way for a Mt. Morris, Mich. couple to sue St. John's Vianney Catholic Church, Flint, Mich.

Judge Stephen J. Roth conceded that such immunity had been a rule of law in Michigan for many years, but declared: 'Neither reason or logic, sound principle of law nor present day public policy require or justify the exemption of charitable organizations from responsibility or negligence'.

Judge's decision permits Clarence and Mary Downum of Mt. Morris to take legal action against St. John's for injuries Mrs. Downum allegedly received in a fall on the church's steps in 1956. Bishop J.H. Albers has been named a party to the suit.

'Private charities', Judge Roth said, 'are much different now than when the liability question first came before American courts. Today they have become, in many instances, large businesses, handling large funds, and owning and managing large properties.'

In a similar instance in New Jersey, last May, the State Supreme Court gave a ruling quite like that of Judge Roth (above). The State Legislature, hurriedly, passed a 'stop-gap' measure in July that protects non-profit institutions from negligence suits by their beneficiaries and limits to \$10,000 all suits by non-beneficiaries until June 30, 1959.

The most reasonable answer to the entire question is to encourage all churches to carry liability insurance, rather than trying to depend for immunity on public sentiment and tradition. - ED.

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**WARRANTS AGAINST STREET PREACHING QUASHED.** Warrants against three men, who were charged with preaching on the city streets of Graham, N.C., without city permits, were quashed by County Judge Shoffner.

The city is expected to appeal the decision. The defense had argued the city ordinance was



unconstitutional as it violated the 1st and 14th Amendments. The city had responded that no denial of speech was intended, but merely a supervisory regulation as to when and where such street preachings might be carried on.

- In an action in Nitro, W. Va., last February, two Seventh Adventist women were arrested and fined for selling literature without a license from the city. They had appealed to the Kanawha County intermediate court, claiming violation of constitutional guarantees of religious liberty. The appeal caused a setting aside of the fine by Intermediate Judge Thompson, who upheld the contention of the two women. - ED.

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**CLERGYMAN PARDONED FOR REFUSAL TO VIOLATE CONFIDENCE.** Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee granted a full pardon to a Baptist minister, who had been sentenced to a \$50 fine and a 10 day jail term, for contempt of court after refusing to divulge what he considered private information received from a married couple prior to a divorce case.

The governor declared that any recognized minister, priest or rabbi should be allowed to counsel in confidence without fear of being forced to disclose what has been communicated to him'.

The case involved James Glisson, pastor of the McLemoresville Baptist Church. Presiding Judge Kizer of Huntington circuit court dismissed the divorce suit, stating that Mr. Glisson's lack of testimony made it impossible for him to determine regarding the divorce action. He then held Mr. Glisson in contempt and passed sentence.

Governor Clement said the pardon should not be interpreted as a criticism of Judge Kizer.

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**PROTESTANTS HOLD FIRST RELIGION-LAW CONFERENCE.** Some 200 lawyers, judges, students, theologians and clergymen attended America's first nation-wide Protestant Conference on Christianity and the Law. The Conference met at the University of Chicago (Illinois) under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches.

The program was composed of three 'dialogues'; three 'sub-conferences'; 44 seminars; several sermons, discussions and services. William Stringfellow, chairman, said the real value of the Conference was in the seminars, where the real debate was brought out.

The three 'dialogues' brought out two rather pronounced attitudes by two prominent men. C. Prof. Harold Berman of Harvard Law School said that the Church is threatened by the use of law to help create beliefs which are antagonistic to those of Christianity and, that against this threat, 'the Church must teach civil disobedience to laws which infringe on Christian faith.

In the second instance, Professor Wilber G. Katz, former dean of the University of Chicago Law School, delivered a sharp denunciation of capital punishment. He said the necessity or usefulness of capital punishment as a deterrent to crime 'has never been demonstrated'. He also interpreted that 'Christian principles forbid the use of any penalties which serve no purpose, which neither deter nor rehabilitate'.

- In Roman Catholic fields of law, a group of 50 lawyers received a warning from their chancery office in the Pittsburgh area that they are forbidden to handle any divorce proceedings, without prior consent and approval of the bishop. This applies whether the case in question may involve Catholics, Protestants or Jews. The 50 lawyers are members of the St. Thomas More Society. The chancery said: 'We maintain that an attorney is not competent to judge the existence or non-existence of the sacred contract of marriage'. Adding beneficently: Catholic judges, however, are excused from this mandate.

1. COMMISSIONER OF HOSPITALS SUED ON BIRTH CONTROL ISSUE. The Free-  
kers of America filed suit in the N.Y. State Supreme Court to enjoin Dr. Morris A. Jacobs,  
Commissioner of Hospitals, N.Y. City, from prohibiting birth-control therapy in city hospitals.

face-saving gesture, however, the city's board of hospitals, by an 8-to-2 vote, adopted a  
olution directing municipal hospitals to provide 'medical advice, preventive measures and  
ces for female patients under their care, whose life and health in the opinion of the medica  
f may be jeopardized by pregnancy and who wish to avail themselves of such health service  
two dissenting board members were Roman Catholics.

fight over contraceptive therapy started last July when Dr. Jacobs ordered a Kings County  
ital physician not to fit a contraceptive device for a Protestant woman suffering from diab  
Since then, Protestant, Jewish and non-religious groups have attacked the ban. Roman  
olic groups have supported the ban.

ng those attacking the ban were professors of obstetrics and gynecology in the six medical  
eges in the city; the noted Margaret Sanger, 71, founder of the birth control movement in  
J.S., who, when a young nurse in N.Y. City, had served a jail sentence for daring to dissemin  
birth control information. On being informed of Dr. Jacobs ban, she said: 'I am amazed  
N.Y. City...is still so backward. I have come back from Honolulu, where they have birth  
rol therapy in city hospitals. Imagine, more advanced than New York.'

Following the vote of the Board of Hospitals to lift the ban, the Roman Catholic Archdio-  
cese of N.Y., in a joint statement with the Diocese of Brooklyn, declared that the decision  
'introduces an immoral practice in our hospitals that perverts the nature and dignity of  
man.'

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CITIZEN'S GROUP CHALLENGES CONNECTICUT 'BUS LAW'. Suit has been filed in the  
rior Court in Bridgeport, Conn., by a citizen's group challenging the constitutionality of  
Connecticut law permitting public transportation for private and parochial school pupils.

icis H. Snyder, president of Citizens for the Connecticut Constitution, said the suit also  
as an injunction, providing the 1957 law is not upheld, restraining the town of Newton from  
shing bus rides 'out of tax funds at public expense'. He emphasized that the Connecticut  
stitution states: 'no preference should be given by law to any Christian sect or mode of  
ship.....' and that the state school fund should not be 'diverted to any other use than the  
uragement and support of public or common schools.'

n keeping with this suit, the Connecticut Attorney General recently ruled that any towns,  
which take advantage of the 1957 law permitting local option for the providing of public  
ransportation for private and parochial students, shall do so at their own expense; that  
he State shall not reimburse the localities as formerly.

n New York State, \$100,000 was provided by the legislature to give 'refresher' courses  
or teachers; included in the proviso are parochial and private school teachers. This has  
also been attacked as being unconstitutional.

## WHICH IS MORE POWERFUL - A BISHOP OR A JUDGE?

Two learned Oxford dons were debating this question. One said: 'The bishop  
is more powerful, for the judge can only say, 'You be hanged', while the bishop  
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'Ah', replied the other, 'but when the judge says 'You be hanged', you are hanged.'

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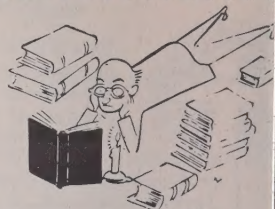
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